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Report of the Second Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 1 December 2009, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-fourth session the item entitled "United Nations University" and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 38th and 40th meetings, on 1 and 4 December 2009. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/64/SR.38 and 40). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 2nd to 7th meetings, from 5 to 7 October (see A/C.2/64/SR.2-7).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.2/64/L.55

3. At the 38th meeting, on 1 December, the representative of Germany introduced a draft resolution entitled "Amendments to the Charter of the United Nations University", which was contained in annex II to document A/64/234.

4. At its 40th meeting, on 4 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Amendments to the Charter of the United Nations University" (A/C.2/64/L.55), submitted by Germany on behalf of Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Belarus, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burundi, China, Colombia, the Comoros, Côte d'Ivoire, the Dominican Republic, Egypt, Eritrea, Finland, the Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Haiti, Honduras, Iceland, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Lebanon, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Maldives, Mali, Micronesia (Federated States of), Montenegro, Namibia, the Netherlands, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of Moldova, Rwanda, Saint

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III. Recommendation of the Second Committee

10. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Amendments to the Charter of the United Nations University

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2951 (XXVII) of 11 December 1972, by which it decided to establish the United Nations University, and 3081 (XXVIII) of 6 December 1973, by which it adopted the Charter of the United Nations University, and taking note of the resolutions adopted since then on the progress of the University,

Taking note of the decision on the United Nations University adopted by the Executive Board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at its 182nd session, held in Paris in September 2009,[1]

Taking note also of the proposal adopted by the Council of the United Nations University at its fifty-fifth session, in December 2008, for the United Nations University to build upon its existing joint graduate programmes and to develop and implement its own postgraduate degree programmes as a part of the United Nations University strategic plan 2009-2012,

Taking note further of the proposal of the Secretary-General to amend the Charter of the United Nations University in accordance with article XII thereof, made after consultation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the Council of the United Nations University,

1. *Approves* the following amendments to the Charter of the United Nations University:

(a) A new paragraph 8 shall be added to article I, to read as follows:

"8. The University shall grant and confer master's degrees and doctorates, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions under conditions laid down for that purpose in the statutes by the Council";

(b) A new paragraph 2 bis shall be added to article IX, to read as follows:

"2 bis. The costs of the postgraduate degree programmes of the University as referred to in article I, paragraph 8, above may also be met from tuition fees and related charges";

2. *Invites* the Council of the United Nations University to adopt such statutes as may be necessary to implement these amendments.

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[1] United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, *Decisions Adopted by the Executive Board at its One Hundred and Eighty-second Session, Paris, 7-23 September 2009* (182 EX/Decisions, decision 11).